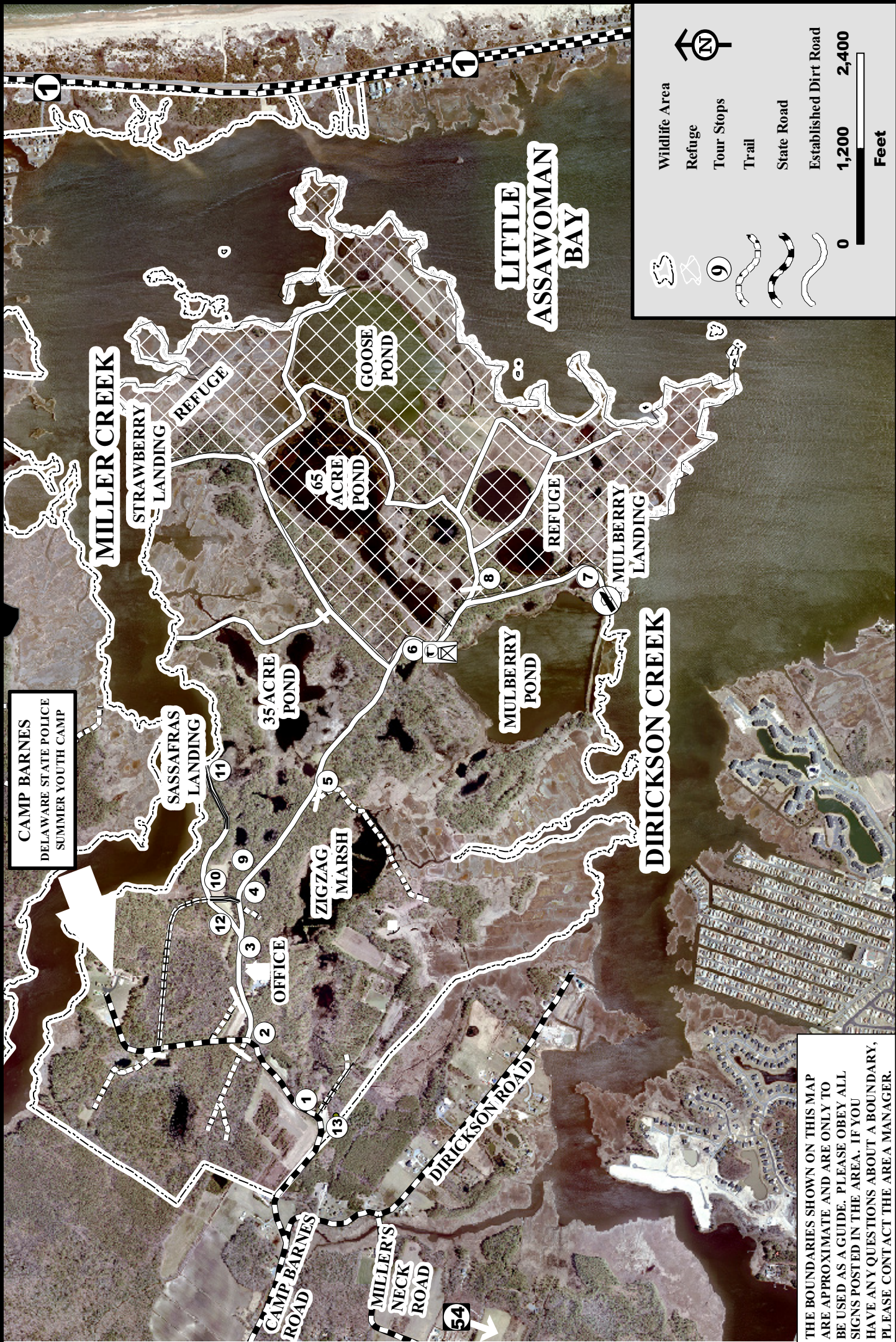


ASSAWOMAN WILDLIFE AREA

(3,100 ACRES)



AUTOMOBILE TOUR



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Welcome to the busiest Wildlife Area in Delaware. Here on the **Assawoman Wildlife Area** the needs of the animals and plants come first, human outdoor recreation comes second. Unlike a State Park, no daily use fee is charged. There is no entrance fee because federal tax dollars derived from excise taxes on guns, ammunition, archery, fishing, and boating equipment is returned to the Division of Fish and Wildlife to manage fish and wildlife habitat and to provide boating access.

Wildlife areas are managed for the needs of native plants and animals. Most management efforts relate to habitat protection and enhancement. Several rare plants grow in the wet woods. An endangered squirrel species, the *Delmarva fox squirrel*, lives in the refuge portion of the area. The ponds are managed for waterbirds, such as waterfowl, wading birds, and shorebirds. Ospreys and bald eagles live along the Little Assawoman Bay. These diverse groups of animals and their habitats have one thing in common – the need of critical habitat protection. That's called putting the "wild" back into "Wildlife Area".

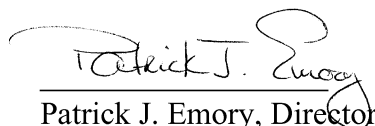
An interpretive tour was developed to help explain management techniques on **Assawoman Wildlife Area**. Brochures are available at the starting point 300 yards south of this dirt road near the main entrance sign.

Please respect our efforts and abide by the rules. Enjoy your visit.

Special Note: The road may be closed without notice on days with precipitation in excess of one inch (1"). When the road is dry enough to prevent the pothole formation, the road is opened as soon as possible. You are free to hike the roads. Thanks for your patience.

REGULATIONS

1. State regulations **prohibit the use of non-registered vehicles** on any wildlife area. All other vehicles must use only designated roads, not exceed 20 M.P.H., and not make excessive noise.
2. No person may **trespass into areas closed** by the Division.
3. **Area is closed from sunset to 7 a.m.** You must leave promptly at sunset, and not wait until last light.
4. **Firearms are prohibited** on state wildlife areas from March 1 through August 31 except for special events approved by the Division Director. Target shooting is prohibited. Call Ommelanden Shooting Range for year-round target shooting information at 302-323-5333.
5. **No dumping or littering.** The large trash container along the Main Road is not intended for disposal of trash from home. **State Wildlife Areas are Designated Carry In-Carry out Trash Disposal Areas.** Please take your refuse home with you.
6. Horses may be used **only on established roads open to vehicular traffic**.
7. **No camping or swimming** without special authorization.
8. **Dogs must be properly licensed and kept under control.**
9. Pavilion use is first come, first served. No reservations are accepted. Call 539-3160 for information on the pavilions.
10. Geocaches and letterboxes must be registered with the Area Manager on a new form.



Patrick J. Emory, Director

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